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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated August 21, 2001, be extended four months, from October 21, 2001 to February 21, 2002.

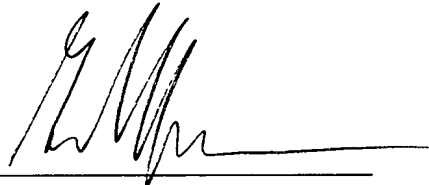
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A check to cover the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication or the accompanying Reply to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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